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Subject: RE: Media Inquiry: National Climate Assessment

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

. I'll pass my response by you before I send to our comms office.

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Hi Andy,
Please see the below media query and questions. Can you help with responses? Does this fall within your lane? I'm checking what the media deadline is now.
Thanks,
Kelly

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Hi Kelly,

A reporter with WIRED reached out to Paul Gunning in OAR about some changes that were proposed to the executive summary of the National Climate Assessment but OAR suggested these be sent to Andy Miller because he was in charge of the report for EPA. Can you check with Andy and see if these are questions we can answer?

Here are the questions:

1. Just before publication of NCA4 there was a push by some federal officials, primarily at NOAA, to make changes to the summary for policy makers. They were asking for more specificity on impacts under various emissions scenarios in addition to some other changes. These conversations were advanced without the full knowledge of the USGCRP principals. When the proposed changes were brought before the full board, there was a fair bit of pushback and many of the principals were unhappy. Ultimately the changes were never made.

Can Paul [Andy] comment on the version of events described above? Does this align with his recollection of what happened? And did he think the proposed changes were reasonable? If not what were his concerns?

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